

## "KURRENT KOMMENT"

GATHERED TOGETHER FOR FUTURE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

Opinions as to the Results of the Recent Tidal Wave and Ogdensburg Disturbance—“What Will the Harvest Be?”

### TARIFF PICTURES.

In Evansville, Ind., the wages paid to employees in manufactures amounted to \$1,365,000

in 1890. By 1890 they had grown to \$2,876,800

The value of manufactured products rose in the meantime from \$8,091,914

to \$11,788,672

There is not a corner of the land which has not prospered under Protection.

—New York Press.

If Cleveland doesn't smash the Democratic party before he has "smashed the robber Tariff" he may consider himself in great luck.

In the stomach of an elephant that died out West the other day was found an iron chain four feet long. The poor beast seemed to have died from an excess of iron in his system.

The Paris journals declare that the people of the United States are jealous of the Panama Canal scandal. This is about as probable that a man may be jealous of a neighbor who has smallpox.

Mr. Cleveland's vote in 1892 is only slightly above his vote in 1888, and he lacks nearly a million of having a majority of all the votes cast. Let us have no more buncionism about a "popular uprising."

Colonel Watterson is heartily in favor of restoring the duty on sugar, and the Kentucky idea in general seems to be that it would be better to put a Tariff on sugar than to increase the tax on whisky. The average Kentuckian, it is well to remember, rarely takes "sugar in his'n."

The place to detain cholera is on the other side of the ocean; not in New York bay," says Governor Flower. Quite right, Governor, but when it gets to New York bay we want a National quarantine that will keep it there and not permit a lot of foot reporters for a sensational newspaper to carry it ashore to spread it over the whole country.

Governor Pattison of Pennsylvania in his message to the Legislature refers to the Homestead strike and says that the entire country seemed to surrender to the disorderly element. He criticizes the city authorities for the weak action. It cost \$485,000 to maintain the militia for the time. He recommends that corporations be more heavily taxed, and also that a tax be made on inheritances.

It has so long been the custom to question the sincerity of Mormon professors of willingness to abandon polygamy that there are some misgivings in the public mind as to the President's proclamation of pardon to all Mormons who have abstained from polygamy for two years. These misgivings seem to be premature. There are various reasons for regarding the anti-polygamy position as sincere. But it will do no harm to give it plenty of time to grow into an old tradition before admitting Utah as a state.

The Kansas City Journal says a group of Congressmen were having a chat the other day about the way bills are passed—and remember this is a reform Congress, so far as the House is concerned. One member said that he had not been paying attention when the Indian question came up to a vote, and that he went to a friend in whose he had confidence and asked him what bill it was and if it was all right. On the assurance of the friend he voted for the bill. One of his listeners said: "I voted for it because you did." "And I voted for it because you did," added another, turning to this one. The bill authorizes the payment of \$3,000,000 out of the public Treasury. How many measures will pass this way in the course of a session?

# PUBLIC LEDGER



FIRST YEAR.

MAYSVILLE, KY., THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 1893.

ONE CENT.



FOR If you have friends visiting you, or if you are going out on a visit, please drop us a note to that effect.

You will be pleased W. O. N. S.

WILLIAM BURFORD, a horse trainer of Troy, is missing from home.

ROBERT G. INGERSOLL will lecture at the Grand Opera house, Cincinnati, at an early date.

HENRY WARD, a croon of Newport, who has been wanted for some time has been captured.

This past few days and nights have been exceedingly trying on any bacilli, microbes or germs that may have been laying around loose.

The barges carried away from Aberdeen by Sunday's break-up belonged to Mr. S. Hudson & Son, and the float to S. Hudson & Edgington.

The Ladies' Exchange of the First Presbyterian Church will be resumed next Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Your patronage is desired.

Books are open now and at all times for subscription to stock in the People's Building Association at only eighty cents per share. Call on John D. Treador, or Robert L. Baldwin, Secretary, or any of the Directors.

MISS ALICE, an expert flitter for her Master's Corset, is now at the store of George Cox & Son, and will be pleased to have ladies call, that she may show them what a really good fitting corset is. You are not expected to buy unless you want to.

The new Ritual of the K. of P. has been received by Limestone Lodge of this city, and a team will be organized for the proper exemplification of the work more especially that of the Third Degree. All members are requested to present at the regular meeting Friday evening.

HENRY S. HOMESTEAD, a prominent citizen of Lamar county, Tex., and Miss Grace Swift of Columbia, this state, were married Tuesday. There is a bit of romance connected with this marriage, as they had never seen each other until the wedding day, having done the courting through correspondence.

MISS MILLIE CHAMBERS and aunt, Mrs. E. R. Memphis, Tenn., returned home this morning after a pleasant visit to the family of George Chambers of the Fifth Ward.

MISS BESSIE OWENS, after spending the holidays with her parents, Colonel and Mrs. Frank S. Owens, has returned to Miss Armstrong's school, Avondale.

MISS AGNES GRANT has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Dr. J. F. Locko, at Newport, who returned with her on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Grant.

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"IF I SHOULD DIE."

If I should die to-night  
And you should come to my cold corpse and say,

Weeping, and bairns o'er my lifeless clay—  
If I could die to-night

And you should come about in deepest grief and woe

And say, "Here's that I love!"

I might arise in my white cravat  
And say, "This is that I love!"

I'd should die to-night  
And you should come to my cold corpse and kneel,

Clasping my bier to the brief you feel—  
I say if I should die to-night

And you should come to me and share and then

Just even hint 'bout payin' me that ton,  
I might arise in my white cravat

But I'd drop dead again.

—Chicago Mail.

You will be pleased W. O. N. S.

LARGE crowds attend Sham Jones's meetings at Hopkinville.

ELKTON has a new paper of which James C. Edwards is the editor.

CALEDON meeting of Friendship Lodge No. 43, D. O. R., Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock sharp.

A POSTOPHIC has been established at Witch, Knott county, with Jasper Hall as Postmaster.

A BRASS band has been organized at Sharpburg and the good people of that town have our sympathy.

JOHN BERTHAT, whose collar bone was broken in a coasting accident last Thursday night, is resting comfortably.

THE January issue for subscription to stock in the People's Building Association is now open. Call and subscribe.

HON. LOGAN PORTER and Lud McQuon, Glasgow lawyers, well known throughout the state, will move to Bowling Green.

Making a World-Wide Reputation.

Chamberlain Medicine Co., Des Moines, Iowa, a manufacturing institution and one in which the residents of the state look upon with pride. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has become National in reputation, and is known in nearly every household in the state and throughout the great West. Its merits are becoming established in all parts of America. For sale by Power & Reynolds, druggists.

Yesterday's "Ledge" was a good paper, and it will continue to be a good paper throughout the year.

It will give you all the news every day at the lowest price—25 cents a month, either by carrier or by mail. Now is the time to subscribe.

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GEORGE W. WHEATLEY, said to be the oldest Oddfellow in Kentucky, died at Harrodsburg, aged 73.

HOWARD SAUND, Cincinnati's funny man, is now a Director of the Gibson City Councilmen, and will in future look after the edibles and bibbles of that excellent hotel. There is no "chuke" in this.

CARDS have been received here for the wedding of Miss Nellie, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Harry W. Fuller, and Lucy St. Clair Talbot of Lexington. The happy event will occur January 30th, with a reception at the residence of Colonel Fuller, 1307 F street Northwest, Washington, D. C.

BLOW is a fair sample of the inquiries that are buried at Postmaster Davis every day in the year—the anxious inquirer always forgetting to inclose a stamp for reply:

JANUARY 8, 1868

Wood Vill, Hapahannock Co, Virginia. Dear Sir You will be kind as to give me the name of the man who was killed in May last in this city as I had a Uncle who was in May.

By the name of Wilson and died out there. You will please give Me the name of the oldest citizen living in Maye Ville. Your Respectfully

R. H. Grimes.

Wood Vill, Hapahannock Co VA

EVERY day there are people who come to THE Ledge office with dead rabbits, half grown cows, half starved chickens and turkeys, geese, goslings, and ducks, Canary birds, street car trucks, bags of potatoes and onions, jugs and bottles, while the others who waggle their tails, sit on an arm chair, which is a nest of hair, and must not be broken, dry goods, groceries, household and kitchen furniture and a thousand other articles of which we have kept no memorandum, and want these expressed to some particular point. We have endured this annoyance so long that it has grown exceedingly monotonous, and if the Adams Express Company will erect a sign in front of its office that the people may know where it is we will have less pedecialities to answer for when we are summoned before the High Judge.

Dr. Young's Own Conclusion.

Mr. J. O. Davenport, Manager of the Fort Bragg Redwood Company, Fort Bragg, Cal, has this to say of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy: "I used it for a severe cold and cough and obtained immediate relief. In the Fort Bragg Redwood Company's store we have sold large quantities of Chamberlain's medicines." For sale by Power & Reynolds, druggists.

HEAD END COLLISION.

The Maysville Accommodation Runs Into a Freight at Dover.

Another disturbance occurred on the C. and Q. this morning.

This time it was a head end collision at Dover.

Train No. 19, passenger, Westbound, known as the Maysville Accommodation, which leaves this city at 5:30 a.m., ran into an Eastbound freight which should have been on the side track. By some body's fault it was on the main track. Rumor attaches the blame to the crew of the freight train.

The engine and tender of the passenger were thrown from the track, and the engineer and fireman slightly hurt. No one else was hurt.

TRAFFIC is seriously interfered with.

FRANK G. TAYLOR, a former resident of Portsmouth, died in San Pedro, Central America.

The Directors of the Louisville Gas Company have declared a dividend of 8¢ per cent.

ALLEN MCGUIRE, under arrest at Portmouth, has confessed to killing Jesse Jordan at Milldale.

The citizens of Louisville have donated 10,000 bushels of coal to the worthy poor of that city and they are being well cared for.

THE Illustrated Kentuckian for January contains elegant portraits of five Louisville beauties—Misses Julia Duke, Stella Wood, Katherine Swope, Mary Galt and Virginia McCraw.

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## THE MODERN OPTIC.

Effects of Civilization Upon the Human Eye.

Great Danger to Man's Eyesight Brought About by Living in Large Towns—Increased Demands Upon the Visual Power.

The last one hundred years have increased the need and capacity for work upon small objects near at hand. One of the questions occurring to the mind is, does this difference in the demand mean an increased demand and capacity to the human eye? Eyes are now used in ways never imagined by our remote ancestors, possibly never dreamed of in the oriental countries. Whatever there may have been in the way of strain upon the eyes in the days of artistic and accurate vision, there was no typesetting, no electric telegraphy, no stenography and no typewriter. The eye of the patriarch Job was constituted at birth and went through life to old age very much like the visual acuity of the people of the East, who devote himself to an outdoor life in the eighteenth or nineteenth century; but Job had no printed books to beguile the tedium and pain of his seat in the sand and ashes. The examination of the eye in the Egyptian tombs has shown that there has been no change in the anatomical conformation of the human ear in four thousand years, and there is no evidence that there has been any in that of the human eye, but the difference in proportioning of the eye to the brain is evident after it has come to see prevents us from proving this. A writer in the Cosmopolitan thinks it safe to say that it has not changed in any essential of anatomical form during the time of the human race, and that the increase in the demands upon it and its occupations are much more exacting and very different from those that obtained among the classic Greeks and Romans or the patriarchal Arabians.

The tendency of the people of our cities is to live in large towns, in the bed air and with the absence of light incidental to such life, may have brought the human eye into many more dangers than those that come to it in a rural occupation. Yet according to the human eye in rural life is not at all rare. It may be that civilization generally attains the loftiest plane in large cities, where intellectual activity is most intense. With this come increases and demands upon the visual power, and often upon improper conditions. But the nineteenth century civilization of great towns has brought great dangers to the sight, it has also achieved great triumphs in the matter of examining the eye, so that we may determine and increase the power for work, and yet hold out against disease. It is perfectly possible, by means of the instruments of the nineteenth century, to exactly learn the optical condition of an eye, to decide just what glasses, if any, are needed for the correct working; and it is also possible to look upon it, and to ascertain the appearance of the visual field and its muscles by means of the

Accidents by Hail.

A large percentage of French, Negroe, and Chinese by no means.

An Act of Parliament has just been issued by the board of trade of England giving a list of the number of accidents to the \$45,000,000 passengers carried by railroads in that country during 1861.

The lowest figure in any year on record,

the classified list of accidents shows that engines or cars meeting with obstructions or derailments from defects in the permanent way are greatly diminishing.

In 1850 there were 5, and in 1861 8. The greatest number of accidents, amounting to 23, come under the head of collisions within fixed signals at stations or sidings. With regard to derailments, two of the accidents were due to the engine or car being driven off the track after the passage of previous trains, one was caused by the failure of the east iron girder, one was due to carelessness on the part of the engineer of a trifling train, and one was due to unknown causes.

Inadequate braking power was responsible for 13 accidents and fog and storms for the same number also. In eight instances fault is found with a defective system of train dispatching, which is a serious communication, or lack of a block system.

Purely mechanical causes, apart from human error, scarcely appear at all, and would thus seem, says the Engineer of London, in commenting on these returns, to be within human control. There is no such thing as accident whatever. While few railway officials will probably subscribe to this conclusion, the figures produced by the board of trade certainly show that, abroad, as well as in the United States, too many accidents can be traced to negligence of care, or mistake on the part of officers or servants.

## A PLACE FOR BEANS.

They Can Be Readily Raised in the Irrigation Areas.

The fields of western irrigation are peculiarly adapted to the growth of beans and peas, yet the business is very much neglected. Both crops, says the Irrigation Age, are surely profitable and are in great demand. The market being assured, in the view of the opposite, there is no over-production, as the returns of census bulletins show directly the opposite. In 1861 the import of beans and peas over the entire exportation amounted to nearly \$1,500,000.

Why should either of these articles of food be imported when there are so many fields in the west that would yield more money if planted to beans and peas than by any other cultivated crop? The irrigation areas afford for a season of the business in almost every irrigated valley a proper cultivation, harvesting and marketing. The demand is not supplied by home growers and these but little competition.

Good prices are always secured, and the market is a bountiful return for the outlay for labor and interest on the land. At this season of the year, when each farm crop is harvested and placed on the side of profit and loss in the farmer's journal, it is well to consider the plans for the next year and mark off a part of the farm to be devoted to the culture of beans and peas.

## A Financial Crisis.

"My mother-in-law never understands what I do," said a man, "she always looks up and says: 'Well, what did the other man say?' As she can't appreciate why I was surprised to receive a letter from her a few weeks after my little boy had swallowed a herring, in which the last words were 'Has George got over his financial difficulties yet?'

## NEGRO SONGS DYING OUT.

Education Among the Colored Race Results in Neglect of Minstrelsy.

The negroes, who have been in freedom, have a longing for everything that pertains to slavery. They regard the old slaves with contempt, and because the younger ones can read and write they set the older ones down as foolish. They are fond of minstrelsy, forgetting that they were once efficient workers and averaged superior in morale and manners to their descendants. One of the results of this is the dying out of the rich, melodious negro songs—not the songs of the "negro minstrel," but the songs of the negroes themselves, which are the realistic. This the Boston Transcript regards as a very great pity, as these songs were wild and charming beyond comparison.

In slavery times the negroes were accustomed to sing the songs of the masters, and the best singer generally headed the row. The ones who could pick the banjo or scrape the fiddle were peculiarly popular. Here is a strange piece of folklore. For many years, ever long before the war, the negroes playing the banjo, playing had been dying out among the negroes, owing to a superstition that "de devil is a fiddler." The very old people have noticed this. The master of the plantation says: "In my time we had the Egyptian negroes, there were very few regular musicians, and at parties, unless it was a grand affair, a lady played the piano, accompanied by a gentleman on the violin, and monstrous jigs and reels they played. But when I got too much work, and had to employ a conductor, he could be sent for from the kitchen who could fiddle enough to dance the Virginia reel by. But when I grew up negro fiddlers were scarce among plantation bands, except the negroes themselves, and when they have been growing older owing to this superstition about old Plato."

"Among the city negroes the piano is the favorite instrument, as it is much easier to acquire a certain proficiency on it than on the violin. In the country, however, especially in the South, it is becoming, at least for a church member, to play the violin, if not actually an audacious communication with Satan himself. But it involves neither deadly sin nor any spiritual risk whatever, to play the banjo or the 'fiddle organ,' as they call it. The 'trotor,' consequently, is a very popular instrument."

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## GOOD INDIAN.

He was born by his parents as His Virtues.

Washoe, or King-on-the-hill, is one of the good Indians who need not die in order to be appreciated. He is the chief of the Shoshone and lives at the Shoshone Indian agency in Wyoming.

He won his name by his prowess as a warrior to the Sioux, but he is known to the Indians who need not die in order to be appreciated.

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## SOME NARROW ESCAPES.

Incidents Estimated Under the Shadow of the Gallows.

Several years ago Gulahone Hohn, a prominent farmer of Tama county, Ia., disappeared, and it was thought that he had been murdered.

The county sheriff, a son of his, tried to find his wife and sons, and then a large number of Hohn's neighbors in the country who, at each session of the grand jury, sought to get several reputable farmers around whom circumstances had thrown suspicion indicated they would be soon indicted but for the intercession of Hohn himself on the score.

Two years ago a prominent lady at Babbacombe, Eng., was murdered and her servant, a man named Lee, was accused of the foul deed.

Lee was condemned to death, but three times subjected to the ordeal of hanging, and three times the rope broke.

The officers telephoned to the home secretary. Lee's sentence was commuted to penal servitude for life. His master had since been established,

and he has been released.

Not a great while ago Jim Scarlet

was on trial at Bonham, Tex., charged with killing Andrew Laced in 1865.

At the preceding term of the district court Scarlet was sentenced to hang,

but the court remitted him to the state of Washington for trial.

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Subscribers who have the trouble of returning letters may mail their subscriptions to the Agent at their place.

Girls over twelve may make valid wills under the laws of Scotland.

R. A. CARR and T. C. Power would like to borrow a sleigh this afternoon.

J. REILLY, dairymen of Newport, has been arrested for selling impure milk.

A NEW company, with a capital of \$100,000, has bought the Newport Gas Works.

The United States has a less percentage of blind people than any other country in the world.

THIRTY-SEVEN thousand women are employed as telegraph operators in this country, it is claimed.

LAST month's receipts at the Carlisle Post Office were the largest in the history of the office by over \$100.

FOR SALE—On Fleming Pike, some desirable lots and two houses, cheap.

PRAIRIE & DULEY.

MASON COUNTY—A proportion of the \$100,000 appropriated for the World's Fair is \$9,625, or sixty-three cents to each male adult.

G. W. BLATTERMAN, Superintendent of Public Schools, has removed his office into the Cox Building—room No. 3—over Postoffice.

THEIR is a troller in Kentucky named Snakes and the chances are that most of the Colonels South of the Ohio river have seen him perform.

REV. DR. J. W. M. WILLIAMS has been forty-two years continuously in his pastoral charge as Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Baltimore.

NATHAN POLLACK drank carbolic acid instead of wine by mistake by proposing a toast to his son's health at Poitou, Pa., and was dead in half an hour.

THE Young Ladies' Afternoon Euchre Club will be entertained this afternoon by Miss Nannie Wood at the residence of Dr. G. M. Phillips on Sutton street.

A FARMER of Norden, Neb., heard sounds from his hog pen one night last week which indicated great agitation among his pigs. He went to the pen armed with an ax and drove away twelve wolves.

SOLID ice one or two inches thick will bear men. Two inches thick is estimated to bear infanty; four inches thick to bear cavalry or light guns; six inches to bear teams with moderate loads of heavy field guns; eight inches teams with heavy loads.

WILLIAM GRIFFIN, the colored man shot in a difficulty with James Lashbrook near Lewistown, Pa. before yesterday, is reported as not being seriously injured. Particulars of the affair have not yet reached the city as owing to the disagreeable weather there is but little travel.

THE following officers of Concord Lodge No. 260, I. O. O. F., were installed for the ensuing year by S. G. Hills, District Deputy G. M. N. G.—A. Taylor. V. G.—Solomon. V. G.—Samuel N. Colins. Treasurer—David McLean. Board of Trustees—S. G. Hills, B. F. Wells and Dr. A. G. Grimes.

The Masonic Oddfellows own the hall property and both Lodges are in a prosperous condition. The Lodge room has been nicely painted and new carpeting put down.

FIRE and Accident Ins. W. R. Warder.

*Two Troubles But He Got It.*  
About two or three months ago I purchased from you a bottle of Dr. Morrison's Gout Remedy, put up in Des Moines, Iowa. Such good results were obtained from its use that I enclose \$1 and ask that you send me two bottles.

J. A. SCRIVEN,  
18 E. Fifteenth street, New York.

Mr. Scriven is President of one of the largest shirt factories in New York, and widely known in business circles. When troubled with a cold give this remedy a trial, and, like Mr. Scriven, you will want it when again in need of such a medicine. Fifty cent bottles for sale by Powers & Reynolds, druggists.

The British Parliament boasts eighteen brewers.

SLEEPY Hollow Cemetery, which is situated just out of Tarrytown, N. Y., is famous as the resting place of Washington Irving's "Burial" and it contains the family burial plots and monuments of D. O. Mills, Captain Marhs, General Delavan, George Lewis, the late George Jones and many other noted families of New York. The other day the pet cocker spaniel of a New York lady was buried there with all the ceremonies that would have been accorded to the remains of a human being.

**FREE ADVERTISING.**  
**No Charge!** Advertisements under this heading will be inserted in this paper free of charge. "Inquiries Wanted," "Lost" & "Found," etc., of an acceptable nature, and not to exceed three lines, on this page, are free of charge.

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